

chattering black-birds perched on its
swaying reeds and rushes. Bright

gull whistles on the pasture fence, and from her home in the chimney corner the cricket begins to chirrup and sing to the lonely bird's call. "In this little prairie home we see a man holding on to the little life he has, and the bird of her play as he smoothes her fair curls or strokes her tiny velvet bands; or perhaps she sits on the edge of the cradle, singing baby songs, or asking him strange questions of the great wide world that have come to her ears from the wind. The wild flowers she has brought into a little nosegay for her new nephew, dear, but we see no sign of the mother, the soldier, and so does Nellie, and so they bear the black-bird's twitter and the gull's shrill cry, and the bird's faint cheer, and all about them is the sweet subtle, holy fragrance of memory.

And so at last when Death came and the soldier fell asleep forever, Nellie, the little girl, was left alone, and whispering to him of those days, hers were the last words he heard, and the smile that came to his face

when he was dead you might have thought the soldier was dreaming of a

and bade him weave the wild flowers
in her curls.

ROSE ROMANCE.

Two roses, freshly sweet and rare,
Bloomed in the dewy morning
On neighboring bushes green and fair,
In garden adjoined.

"Ah!" sighed the pair, "what joy, what
prize,
If on one branch together
Two were twined so close and side
Through all this golden weather!"

There came a youth who roughly tore
The roses from their bower;
And to his sweetheart proudly bore
The two fair, fragrant flowers.

Upon her bosom with delight
They bloomed—hat not together;
They faded—but ravished bright,
They faded there forever.

The Dropping of the "H."
(Leland's London Letter.)

By the way, you may be glad to re-
mind American comic writers that Eng-
lish people of rank do not misplace h.
The "h" is "blasted" out of "her-
cawnt" for "cant." I see by the New
York humorous papers that the "h"
expressed in the "cant" is at least to represent
the English broad a. The fact is that the
sound as here given is like r, not pos-
sibly rolled, but still an r. As for tho
the line between white blood and black is
as distinct as the line between an American
that between those who do or do not this

an h is the unpardonable sin. One may possess every virtue and accomplishment,

and you are d-d. This is one great cause why I have such a line of demand between me and you. I have a lower class recognize their own inferiority."

"One heard a very pretty, ladylike, well-dressed woman say that a certain fellow had said to her, 'I am not, of course, marry her, because he was a "gentleman." After a while I heard him drop the words, "I am not a pariah in India might as well talk of a Brahmin as a husband." That is most interesting to me, because it is a declaration that it seems to be incurable. I have not heard of it since. I am a woman, before the war, who told her mistress that, if being skinned alive and thrown into the sea, she would rather die than, she would gladly submit to it. I am sure there are hundreds of thousands in England who would do the same. I am able to speak their own language correctly."

There is one sound in Welsh and two in Arabic which I could never master, simply because my ear could not distinguish them. I have a very unfortunate few who have no natural gift for languages. Some only know a few words of the English, and some can not detect the R, or it rather invariably hears the contrary. Some people will learn a language, however, without betraying this, but when they become excited and forgetful there are some who will drop the R all about until the floor is knee-deep with dropped R's. I have seen people who think that American English is superior culture, simply because we do not "r-i-

Sir Astley Cooper as a Horse Doctor.

In the life of Sir Aspley Coker it is not that he has been a sportsman at every market morning at Smithfield, and purchase all lame young horses except those that are defective, but he has possibly been convertible into carriage or saddle horses, should they recover from their lameness. He has bought for more than 7 pounds sterling for each, but 3 pounds sterling was the average price. In this case the horses were lame, but were sometimes collected at Gaiselshausen, his farm, where he has a most extensive stock the blacksmith came up from the village, and the horses were in successive stages of lameness, and he was able to him for inspection.

Having discovered causes of their lameness, he was enabled to perform what ever seemed to him necessary for the cure. The improvement produced was so rapid, that the horses required no medical attendance, such as few horses before or since have enjoyed, and they were truly remarkable. He was able at first with difficulty driven to pasture, because of their lameness, but with a little time they were restrained from running away. Even one fortnight at Gaiselshausen would have been sufficient to have cured them, but some of them that it required no unskillful eye in the former owner to detect, and he was able to sell them for as much as a few weeks before. Fifty guineas were paid for one of the best, and Sir Aspley's carriage was for years drawn by a pair of them, and he sold them for more than 12 pounds 10 shillings sterling.

We believe a similar business of that kind

away from the
of horse dealers in New York and other large cities. Lame and otherwise worthless horses are bought for a few dollars

and taken to the country, where the milk is bottled in the morning and the watchful and careful treatment of the owner frequently transforms a worthless looking, feeble animal into a valuable one.

Milk on Summer Diet.
(The Cook.)

Milk is a very important summer diet, and should be used in moderation or it is liable to produce ill effects. Drink it in small mouthfuls and rest a moment between each glass. It is especially advised to heat the milk a few moments before drinking. That treatment breaks the water clinging to the milk, and makes digestion easier.

We strongly recommend skimmed milk and fresh cream milk as summer drinks, instead of ice water. The ice water dyspepsia which is so common in the summer months, may be entirely relieved by using small quantities of freshly-cream milk, or cream, and water, as known as a moderately dry diet.

Breakfast should not be a heavy meal and hot food should be avoided. Hot tea and coffee liberally paraken often prevents indigestion. Radishes, ice cold, oatmeal crackers and milk, a dairy slice of cold lamb, and a glass of cold milk, are a breakfast that makes hot weather a luxury.

A Lucky Thing.
(With Street News.)

"You see," was explaining, in answer to the inquiry of what the prospects in Wisconsin were, "our folks are about

id see
r. "What's the trouble."
"Cholera."
"Why the cholera hasn't reached us

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every male, the lady
executes a wardrobe near the vicar
while Lady Macbeth does the work